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## MOMENTUS 2019

By AP Dr. Md Azalanshah



One of the participants explained her project to the Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Noorsaadah (second from right).

Organised by the Department of Media and Communication Studies on 25 April 2019, the third annual Media Screening & Exhibition (MOMENTUS) showcased the final year projects of 26 postgraduate students from the Master of Media Studies programme. The Deputy Vice

Chancellor of University Malaya, YBhg. Professor Dr Noorsaadah Abd Rahman, officiated the event and emphasised the importance of academic events like MOMENTUS in promoting positive values in the local and global community.

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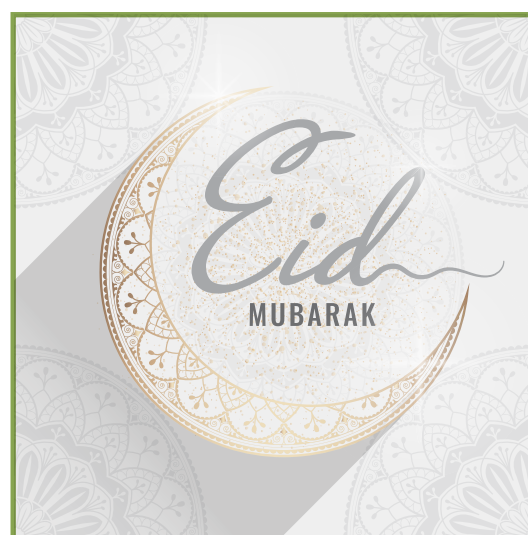
## China Social Sciences Press to Publish "The Sinology Collection of Tay Liang Soo"

By Dr Ho Kee Chye

On 4 April 2019, a formal ceremony was held in Dean's Meeting Room of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Madam Lee Yu, the spouse of the late Professor Tay Liang Soo handed over a cheque worth RM200,000 to Dr. Song Yanpeng of China Social Sciences Press (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences), witnessed by Tan Sri Chan Kong Choy, the founding President and Advisor of PEJATi (Persatuan Siswazah Jabatan Pengajian Tionghoa), Professor Datuk Dr. Danny Wong Tze Ken, Dean of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Associate Professor Dr. Fan Pik Wah, Head of Department of Chinese Studies, Dato' Ng Tiong Hai, President of PEJATI. and representatives of PEJATI.

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**THE FACULTY OF ARTS  
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WOULD LIKE TO WISH  
A HAPPY EID MUBARAK  
TO ALL FACULTY  
MEMBERS & FRIENDS!**



In Memoriam

## Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Kim



It is with great sadness that the Faculty notes the passing of Tan Sri Professor Dr Khoo Kay Kim. Prof. Khoo passed away on 28 May 2019. He was 82 years old.

Professor Khoo is considered the finest historian of Malaysia and among the most influential Malaysian historians of our time.

As a historian, Professor Khoo sought to re-interpret 19th and 20th century Malaysian History. He had championed for a transformation of the manner history should be studied in the country by asking new questions and offer fresh perspectives in understanding society's responses to changes brought about by colonial rule.

He also provided leadership to the History fraternity including the Malaysian Historical Society and also the Malaysian Branch of the Royal

Asiatic Society.

Professor Khoo joined the Department of History as a Tutor in 1964, and was Temporary Assistant Lecturer in 1966. He was Lecturer from 1967-1974 before being promoted to Associate Professor in 1974-1975.

In 1975, Prof. Khoo was appointed to the Chair of Professor of Malaysian History, a post he held until his retirement in 1992. He was then appointed Professor in History from 1992-1994, before being appointed Director of the Sports Centre.

He returned to the Department of History as Professor in History from 1996-1998. He was for two years, Research Fellow at the Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

In 2001, Prof. Khoo was appointed

Emeritus Professor at University of Malaya. Prof. Khoo served as Head of the Department of History from 1973-1974 and 1982-1984. He was Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences from 1984-1986.

Professor Khoo also wrote about sports which he believed was an essential part of Malaysia's social history.

Prof. Khoo is also best remembered for being among the first from the Faculty to teach in Bahasa Malaysia and he was one of those who penned the Rukun Negara in the aftermath of Racial Riot of May 1969.

Professor Khoo was the winner of the prestigious Tokoh Akademik Negera Award in 2017 and Merdeka Award in 2018.

He will be greatly missed.





Madam Lee Yu (Left) handed over a cheque worth RM200,000 to Dr. Song Yanpeng (Right) who received the cheque on behalf of China Social Sciences Press. Witnessed by Tan Sri Chan Kong Choy, Datuk Professor Danny Wong, President PEJATI Dato Ng Tiong Hai and AP Dr. Fan Pik Wah.

Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in University of Malaya from 1982 to 1984. In order to commemorate his contributions to the academic field, PEJATI decided to sponsor the publication of his works.

The publication project of the collected works of Professor Tay will focus on the field of Sinology, which is supported by the China Social Sciences Press, P. R. China, in collaboration with PEJATI. For this, PEJATI raised a sum of RM200,000 to fund the publication. The collection will be edited by a team from the Department of Chinese Studies, and will be ready by 2020.



Tan Sri Chan Kong Choy (left) and Prof. Danny Wong (right) witnessing the signing of the Publication Agreement of "The Sinology Collection of Tay Liang Soo".

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At the same time, they also signed a Publication Agreement for the publication of the "The Sinology Collection of Tay Liang Soo", as a commencement point for the publication project.

Professor Tay Liang Soo (1940-2016) was the Head of Department of Chinese

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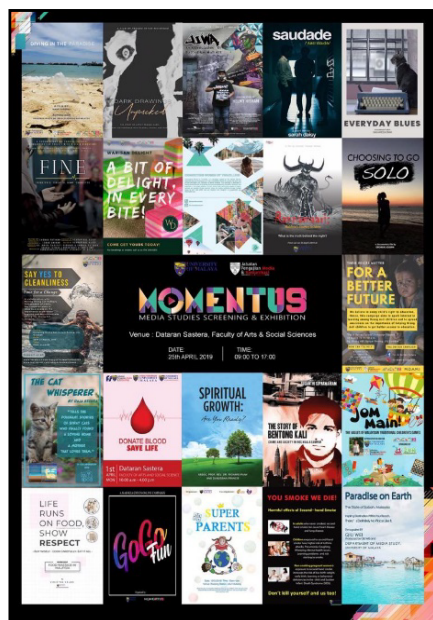
The exhibition kicked off with a welcome speech by the Head of Media and Communication Studies Department, Associate Professor Dr Md Azalanshah Md Syed who emphasized the importance of student projects engaging with the community.

The event included an assessment

session involving two external examiners, Dr Rizalwati Ismail (IIUM) and Dr Rosya Izyanie Shamshudeen (UPM). Two Erasmus Scholars, Dr Marek Šimončič and Professor Olga Skvareninova from University of Ss Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia also served as jury members.

Tengku Intan Maimunah Tengku Sabri won the prize for Best Audio

Visual Project while Oh Hui Kun bagged the Best Exhibition Project. Siti Mawwar Aklili Mohd Ghani won a cash prize and certificate for her campaign project titled "Connecting Women by travelling". The prestigious Hadaiah Azizah Hamzah was awarded to Nur Akmal Zaki and Wang Xingqing.







Media Studies organises

# Travelogue Writing Workshop

By Dr Siti Ezaileila



A Travelogue Writing Workshop was held on 17 April at Dataran Sastera, FASS and was attended by nearly 50 participants from various organizations. This was organized by Department of Media and Communication Studies in collaboration with Persatuan Editor Malaysia (PEM), Yayasan Penulis Islam Malaysia (YPIM), Yayasan Taqwa Wilayah Persekutuan and Persatuan Penulis Nasional Malaysia (PENA).

The workshop was conducted by Encik Mohd Khair Ngadiron (former

Managing Director of Institut Terjemahan dan Buku Negara) and writer Puan Zinitulniza Abdul Kadir (recipient of the National Book Awards 2012 and 2017). Participants learnt how to generate and develop ideas, write drafts, and market their work.

## Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching and Internationalization



By AP Dr. Md Azalanshah

In an effort to encourage internationalization and staff mobility, four lecturers from the University of Malaya, and the University of Ss Cyril and Methodius were selected to participate in a two-week program that included teaching, student evaluation, and brainstorming of future projects.

The program commenced with a one-week visit by Dr. Marek Šimončič and Professor Olga Skvareninova who taught classes related to broadcasting and rhetoric. Additionally, the two Slovakian scholars served on the jury for MOMENTUS 2019, an annual event organized by the Department of Media and Communication Studies that aims to showcase projects completed by Media Studies students.

The one-week visit in Kuala Lumpur was followed by a visit to the University of Ss Cyril and Methodius by Associate Prof. Md Azalanshah Md Syed and Dr. Shahreen Mat Nayan from the Department of Media and Communication



From left: AP Dr Azalanshah, AP. Dr Ludmilla Cabyova, and Dr. Shahreen at University of Ss Cyril and Methodius



Prof. Olga Skvareninova (left) and Dr. Marek Šimončič during their one-week visit to UM.

Studies. During their visit, both lecturers taught courses related to culture and rhetoric, in addition to engaging with students and staff in other university events.

Although the mobility program only lasted two weeks (22 April – 5 May), the scholars involved managed to gain valuable experience, while generating ideas that are beneficial for all parties involved. Both UM lecturers have been appointed to serve on the editorial board of the university journals. Talks have already started to extend this program for students as well.

## STEP Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2019 at NTU

Muhammad Hidayat Fahmi (Department of English) and Alex Yap Wen Kang (Department of Southeast Asian Studies) have been selected by TEMASIK Foundation to represent the University of Malaya in the STEP Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2019 at Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore.

The 8-day dialogue, organised by the

NTU-University Scholars Programme and supported by Temasek Foundation International, will be held from 2 - 9 August 2019. The inaugural STEP Youth Regional Affairs Dialogue 2019 will be a platform for university students in Asia to enhance their leadership skills and broaden their understanding of geopolitics.



## 2019 Al Maktoum College Summer School, Scotland

Nur Fatin Inani Aris (Department of International and Strategic Studies) and Nurbahiyah Syazwani Zainurim (Department of English) will be representing University of Malaya and the South Asian region at the Al-Maktoum College Summer School.

This year, the programme is to be held from 8 June - 5 July 2019 in Dundee and Dublin. During this prestigious programme, participants will discuss topics of social, political and global issues with the others from top universities from the Middle East.



# CONGRATULATIONS!

## Marco Polo Project: Erasmus + Programme, Thailand

Chua Jing Xuan (Department of Media and Communication Studies) will be participating in the student mobility activity of the Marco Polo Project under the Erasmus+ Programme at Naresuan University, Thailand. This project

aims to improve international cooperation among institutions of higher education in partner countries, and will take place for two weeks in July 2019.



## Kyushu University Summer Programme

Celine Woon Sue Lin (Department of English) has been given a scholarship from Kyushu University, Japan to represent the University of Malaya and Malaysia at the One-Month

Japan Programme (24 June – 19 July 2019) in Fukuoka, Japan. Celine Woon's strong academic record impressed the selection committee from Kyushu University.





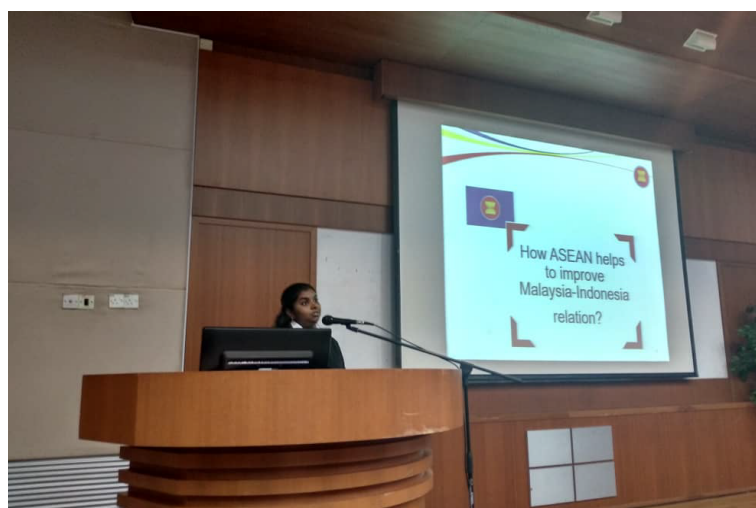


# UM-UNIKOM Student's Conference

By Nur Fatin Inani

On 30 April 2019, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences received 40 students of the Department of International Relations from Universitas Komputer Indonesia (UNIKOM). This academic visit featured student presentations by Ruthra Mary Ramachandran (South East Asian Studies Department), Siti Fatimah Abdul Alim (East Asian Department) and Nur Qistina Mohd Farid (International and Strategic Studies Department). Each presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Meanwhile, in a different session, Dr Roy Anthony Rogers, Head of International and Strategic Department chaired a discussion slot with the Faculty members from UNIKOM, along with Dr. Khoo Ying Hooi pertaining to any possible academic collaboration between the departments. The session ended with a photography session with the students of both institutions.



## Islamic History and Multi-ethnicity

By AP Dr. Zulkanain

Department of History together with the Malaysian Historical Society successfully held a forum entitled "Islamic History in the Context of Multi-ethnicity" on 27 April 2019. Brigadier General Hj Anas Hj Hassan of the Royal Malaysian Armed Forces, Kuala Lumpur and Dr Abu Hanifah Harris (Department of History) served as panelists. The event was attended by students, as well as the advisor to the UM Historical Society, Dr Noraini Mohamed Hassan.

## Dr. Helena Participates in Erasmus + Staff Exchange at Glasgow

By Dr Helena Varkkey



Dr Helena Muhamad Varkkey of the Department of International and Strategic Studies and the Centre for Latin American Studies, University of Malaya recently participated in the Erasmus+ Staff Exchange Program between the University of Malaya and the University of Glasgow, United Kingdom.

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Dr Helena was attached to the School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow from 1 - 12 April 2019. She presented her findings and received valuable feedback on her research related to oil palm agribusiness, regional environmental governance and transboundary haze pollution during seminars at the School and also at the Glasgow Centre for International Development (GCID). She also held productive discussions with both staff and students there.

Additionally, Dr Helena participated in a panel on the Sustainable Development Goals at the Society for Latin American Studies Conference. A promising development from this programme is a potential joint publication, currently in the writing stage, with Dr Karen Siegel from the University of Glasgow, who is also working on regional environmental governance.

## Open Mic Night

By Sarah Lashuel



On 5 April 2019, the English department organised an open mic night. Held as a collaboration with the English Studies, UiTM, it was a night filled with performances by staff and students from the English Department as well as UiTM.

The stage of DKC was alive with poetry, drama, life stories, musical performances and even a comic fusion of magic and poetry from seasoned performers as well as first timers. The night gave birth to a renewed appreciation for the esoteric ways that art touches the soul, and will hopefully become an annual creative tradition.



## English Department Interaction Day

By Sarah Lashuel

On 5 April 2019, students of the English Department gathered for an interaction day which brought together students from different intakes. The event included ice-breaker games and a potluck lunch. The day provided the opportunity for students to bond with each other and with their lecturers and was a reprieve in between the busy weeks.



## Gift of Books from Indian Cultural Centre

The Faculty received a gift of books on Indian Culture from the Indian Cultural Centre of the Indian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur. The books which touch on various aspects of Indian culture were presented by Mr K. Ayyanar, the Director of the Indian Cultural Centre and received by the Dean. The Faculty look forward to further collaboration with the Indian Cultural Centre.

From left: Mr K. Ayyanar, Director of the Indian Cultural Centre, Indian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur with Dean Datuk Danny Wong.



## Glimpse from the Past

Aerial view of UM in early 1960s, with the Faculty of Arts on the right. The original block and the first three lecture theatres. On top right - a new Petaling Jaya was taking shape. Note the original roads and access roads in UM which were rather different from present day.

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